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5 performing a first design rule check on a layout object from the set of two or more
6 layout objects by evaluating the layout object against specified design
7 criteria;
8 changing one or more values defined by the specified design criteria to generate
9 updated specified design criteria, wherein the changing of the one or more
10 values is performed after a specified amount of time has elapsed and is
11 made with respect to only the layout object; and
12 performing a second design rule check on the layout object by evaluating the
13 layout object against the updated specified design criteria.

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